19th August, 1917

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D. (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., c/o Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Gillan, Fort St. George (Acting).
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF ... 10 OCT 1917 MADRAS

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

" *Suffer little children to come unto Me.*"

July 8th, 1917—Mabel Constance, daughter of George and Ruth Beck.
,, 14th, 1917—James Innes, son of James William and Jean Davidson Keith.

Burials

" *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*"

July 18th, 1917—Charles Hendry—26 years.

Sale of Work for Hospital Ship " Madras ".—As our Supplement goes to press we hear that Her Excellency Lady Pentland who is President of our Woman's Guild, has asked the ladies if possible to get up a sale of work or make some special effort to raise money for the " H. S. Madras," "as it is in the most urgent need of funds." The ladies feel that though the time for preparation is short, they would like to respond to Her Excellency's appeal for help. Accordingly, a Garden Fete, or Sale of Work, to take place sometime in November, is being attempted. We feel sure that that all members of the congregation, and their friends, will do their best to make this enterprise a success. Fancy goods, knick-knacks, needle-work, embroideries, china, paintings and etchings, books, fruit, flowers, produce, cakes and sweets, will all be acceptable. Those wishing to help in any way are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the Guild.

Tour of Presidency Senior Chaplain.—We shall be in Bangalore for a few days, leaving Madras on the evening of 17th August, and returning on the morning of the 23rd or 24th. The Rev. W. E. H. Organe, 8, Victoria Crescent, has kindly consented, as on former occasions, to act during that time.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—Thirty-seven communicants were present at the morning celebration on 12th August.

Special Collection.—The St. Andrew's Tamil Church has been handicapped this year through the appointment of Mr. Silver as a temporary Chaplain and the consequent transference of Mr. Vethanayagam to Arkonam. There is therefore the more need for the interest of our own St. Andrew's in the welfare of her Tamil sister; and the congregation will have an opportunity of showing their interest on 2nd September, on which

day a special collection for St. Andrew's Tamil Church will be taken.

Intercessory Service.—The service marking the third anniversary of the declaration of War was held on the evening of 5th August and was well attended. As last year a special collection was made for the Women's Guild, Soldiers' Comforts Funds, which amounted to Rs. 77-4-0.

Half-yearly Distribution of Dorcas Clothing.—This took place on 2nd August, and was preceded by an enjoyable entertainment given by the children of the Free School. Recitations, songs and physical demonstration alike gave evidence of careful teaching and interested learning. Mrs. Russell kindly distributed the clothing to forty-five children, thirty women and six men.

Free School.—At the instance of the Educational Department, arrangements were made for school children in Madras to see on 9th August, the Government War Films illustrating the Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of the Tanks, at the Elphinstone Picture Palace. A special tram, provided through the kindness of an anonymous friend, was shared by thirty-four of our children and thirty-five from the New School, Pallavaram, formerly known as the old E. A. V. School. The children evidently enjoyed the outing and were impressed by the pictures.

Sunday School.—The school re-opened on 12th August, with the good attendance of sixty-eight. We have the pleasure of welcoming Miss M. C. Chatterton as a teacher, and hope her example will be followed by others, as there are still several vacancies.

Woman's Guild.—The first meeting of the New Session was held on Thursday, the 2nd August. Various ladies are still away in the Hills, but notwithstanding fourteen members were present and a good deal of work was taken away to be done at home. During the three months that the Guild has been closed several ladies have gone on steadily knitting, and it was a great pleasure to have fifteen pairs of socks and a comforter to send to the War Depôt at Government House. The meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month and we hope to have good reports to give of the work done as time goes on ; and we also hope that the members will come as often as they can to the meetings. Names of ladies who have not already joined and who are willing to do so will be gladly received by the Secretary.

Woman's Bible Class.—The first meeting for the New Session was held on Monday, the 6th August. Most of the old friends were present, though some of the familiar faces were missing. One of the members, dear old Miss Bapty, has passed away since the last meeting, and we miss her kindly interest. One or two others are getting too old to walk so far but our interest and good wishes go out to them in their Homes.

One interesting item of the first meeting was the giving away of some of the cake which was left over from the Soldiers' Tea-party, which the poor old ladies much appreciated. The Class is held every Monday at 4-30 P.M., and Mrs. Gillan will be very pleased to hear of other ladies who are willing to help with this meeting.

Soldiers' Entertainment.—On the 27th July, we held our fifth Tea-party for soldiers. We are becoming more ambitious as the days go on, and this time seventy men were invited, *i.e.*, forty men of our friends at the Fort—the 2/4 Devons,—and twenty-two men of the Attached Section at the Fort who are on furlough chiefly from Mesopotamia, and the rest odds and ends of different regiments—"details"—from the Y. M. C. A. Boarding House, Esplanade. Through the kindness of the Guild ladies, and other friends an abundance of cakes, sandwiches, and sweets had been provided, and the tables were laden with this assortment of good things long before 4 o'clock, the time that tea was to be served.

The men as usual came early, and a good many of them desired to have a look round the Church. They were personally conducted by the Chaplain and seemed interested by what they saw and heard.

Our minds were somewhat exercised as to the seating accommodation for this large Tea-party, for though forms, chairs and tables are always to be hired, we prefer to manage with what we have so as to save expense. Mr. Boys however in a way known only to himself found all the tables and forms necessary. This is a big piece of work, for in addition to the men themselves who come as guests, there are the ladies and gentlemen who come to help, possibly about 30 people.

The programme of entertainment was the same as on former occasions. Mrs. Higginbotham and Mrs. de Santos took charge of

the Bag Competition this time, and Miss Graham, Miss Bain, Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Hall the Advertisement Competition, while for the five clock golf rings we had the help of Lady Fraser, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Dewar, Mr. Beardsell, Dr. Henderson, Captain Russell, Captain Guthrie, Mr. Black and others, who had a busy time-keeping and checking scores. Some of the younger ladies of the congregation and their friends kept the badminton going merrily and briskly.

At 7 and after refreshments and cold drinks, and the giving away of prizes to the successful competitors, the Concert was begun. The following ladies and gentlemen kindly performed—Mrs. Adam, Miss Johnson, Miss Maggie Boys, Mr. Alan Stewart, Mr. Heiser, Captain Guthrie. Miss Gordon kindly played some violin solos and Mrs. Adam, Miss Melcher and Mr. Boys played the accompaniments. Everybody was in good form and the lustre of the programme was added to considerably by the contributions of Sergt. Lever, Corporal Drake and Corporal Staddon. God save the King brought the proceedings to a close and a hearty "three cheers for the ladies" was led by Sergt. Lever.

Fortune and the weather have so far favoured us with regard to these parties; there never has been a shortage of money or of food, and the weather, which is very capricious these days, gave us of her best! for though it rained heavily before the day and the day after, Friday afternoon and evening were as nearly perfect as July weather can be!

Once more we would like to give our hearty thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who had a share in giving this pleasant and happy entertainment. We have a long list of acknowledgments, and if any names have been left out inadvertently, the Secretary will be glad to apologise!

Cakes, Sandwiches, Sweets, Meat-puffs, etc. have been received from Mrs. G. K. Walker, Mrs. Puddephatt, Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Adam, Mrs. Dalgarno, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Hall, Mrs. Gordon, Misses Falconer, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. Gillan, Mrs. Prosser, Miss Maiden.

Cigars and Cigarettes.—Mrs. Puddephatt, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Warmington.

Fountain Pens as prizes from Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Flohr, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Theobald.

A Sugar Basin and Cream Jug from Misses Falconer.

Gifts in money from Mrs. Russell, Miss Dunhill, Mr. Brightwell, Mr. Hutton, Mr. Williamson, Mr. N. C. McLeod. A lady who would like to be regarded as "anon" sent Rs. 15 and I hope she will see her kind gift acknowledged here.

Other friends gave other months and these gifts were acknowledged personally but for the future we shall acknowledge all gifts in the Supplement. We had various cakes and a good many sweets left over and these things were distributed to and gratefully received by the children of the Free School and the Woman's Monday Bible class.

A soldier now on his way to Mesopotamia wrote before leaving:—

I can't but write and tell you that at last the long-hoped-for news has come and in the course of two or three days I shall leave Madras with the 2/4 Devon Regiment *en route* for Basra to be attached there to the permanent base personel.

Please accept my sincere personal thanks for the "great" time you gave us last Friday week. "Really it was the red letter day of my short stay in the Fort."

H. G.

The following appeared in the *Madras Times* of the 14th August:—

During the hot weather months St. Andrew's Church compound has been the scene of many pleasant entertainments for soldiers, finishing up with concerts.

On Friday, a large number of soldiers, chiefly on furlough from Mesopotamia, met for one of these enjoyable functions. After a hearty tea and a series of competitions, badminton and clock-golf, into all of which the soldier guests entered most heartily, prizes to the successful competitors were given away by Lady Fraser. The Band of the 2/4 Devons, kindly sent by Col. Marwood-Tucker for the occasion, added greatly to the attraction of the gathering, and Mr. Creedy, the Bandmaster, was specially happy in his choice of the selections played.

When it become dark a concert was held in the open-air, to which a large number of friends interested in soldiers came. Mrs. Adam, Miss Higginbotham, and Miss Loudon all sang most charmingly, and Mr. Alan Stewart has seldom been heard in better voice. Mr. Adam pleased the audience much by his vigorous singing of Jean McNeill, and

Mr. Fort sang for the first time one of his newest American "Rags." Miss Iles delighted the audience greatly in the choice of her voilin solo : and four of the soldiers themselves added very attractive contributions to the programme. These were "The Village Pump" by Sergt. Waters, a recitation in a very dramatic style by Private Roberts, "Annie Laurie" by Private Staig and a parody on "Old King Cole" by Private North. Mrs. Oldfield with her usual kindness presided at the piano and Mr. Creedy kindly accompanied the soldiers who had "no music." Jock, Mrs. Moffat's performing dog, delighted the audience with his sagacity and his opinion on current events and the proceedings closed with hearty cheers, the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and God Save the King.

The evening was still and quiet, the rain kept off, and the men were enthusiastic in their appreciation.

The earlier entertainments held on the St. Andrew's Church ground have been arranged, and the expenses defrayed by the Women's Guild now so well known in Madras and their friends. But all the expenses connected with this special entertainment were met by a Fund for the entertainment of furlough men only, which is now in the hands of Colonel Marwood-Tucker.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for July, 1917

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir, for June, 1917 ...	155	0	0
„ Seat Rents	82	0	0	„ „ Estabt. „ „ ...	184	8	0
„ Church Collections	164	7	10	„ Organ Blowers, July „ ...	2	0	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Compound, zinc buckets, etc. ...	11	15	0
„ "Life and Work" grant, 1917 ...	38	4	0	„ Printing bills 1498 and 1403 ...	10	8	0
„ Sale of "Life and Work" ...	2	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co., current for June...	10	8	0
„ „ Books	5	9	0	„ Premium Fire Insurance 1917—18	56	4	0
„ Organ practice	5	0	0	„ Miscellaneous	4	3	6
Balance Debit this Account ...	18	9	8				
Total ...	434	14	6	Total ...	434	14	6

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for July, 1917

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	7	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	65	6	0
„ Donation "Woman's Guild of St. Andrews"	150	0	0	„ Altering desks, etc. (carpenter).	21	8	0
„ Cash	129	1	0	„ Laundry (children's clothes, May and June)	3	3	3
				„ Kindergarten and Miscellaneous account	10	15	9
Total ...	296	1	0	Total ...	296	1	0

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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